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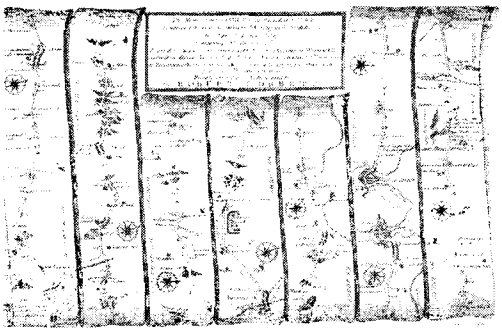
Spotlight on Collections



This unusual antique map donated from the personal collection of John Jacob, Nabb Board member, is a road map from the17th century designed by Thomas Gardner. The ribboned style mimics the famous mapping skills of John Ogilby (1600-1676), a Scottsman, who was deemed royal cosmographer in 1671. Even though Gardner utilized the same aesthetic appeal as Ogilby, he was a unique mapmaker in his own right. Each of his 100 roadmaps was dedicated to a different person. This particular map was dedicated to Robert Corbet, as can be seen in the large centerpiece indicative of his preferred style. The original map is 10 1/2 by 6 1/2 inches wide.

In 1719, Gardner printed the hand-colored, copperplate engraved maps in the book, *A Pocket Guide to the English Traveler: Being a Complete Survey and Measurement of All the Principle Roads and Most Considerable Cross-Roads in England and Wales in One Hundred Copper Plates.* The book, published in London, contains all of Gardner's charming maps which most closely resemble our triptych maps of modern day. Gardner's ribbon effect begins in the top left corner of the map. By following the band to the bottom and continuing to the top of the next strip the traveler is directed from London to Shrewsbury and well beyond.

This and other maps from our extensive collection are a valuable resource for classes such as the Methods of Historical Research graduate class taught by Dr. Ray Thompson. Students learn to appreciate the intricate art of cartography, as well as the importance of geography when studying history.

John Jacob's love of local history and his dedication to its preservation has resulted in such treasured compilations as *Graveyards and Gravestones of Wicomico, Postcard History Series: Salisbury, Maryland, Images of America: Ocean City* and his most recent work, *Lewes to Laurel, Delaware: In Vintage Postcards.* The Nabb Research Center and the community-at-large are grateful for the generous contributions he has made to the Eastern Shore by sharing his personal research and ensuring that his extensive collections will be available to future generations.

Native American History Month Workshop

Dawn Manyfeathers will be visiting the Nabb Center again! She will be presenting a workshop on the Native American art of basket weaving on Monday, November 10. The afternoon session is 1-3:30 p.m., and the evening session is 5-7:30 p.m.

Manyfeathers will be teaching the techniques to make traditional coil baskets out of pine needles. No previous experience is needed.

The workshop is $25, and Nabb Center members and SU students receive a $5 discount. For more details call 410-543-6312 to reserve your spot or visit http://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu.

Experience Architecture at Arlington

The Arlington Foundation has graciously lent the complete archaeological and architectural exhibit of the Arlington Mansion at Old Plantation Creek to the Nabb Center until December 2003. There is a beautiful display of uncovered artifacts from the 17th century, including Masonry fragments, uncovered wine bottles and iron and glass pieces.

Come and learn about the Custis family's participation in the construction of Arlington.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. For more information call 410-543-6312 or e-mail rcdhac@salisbury.edu.

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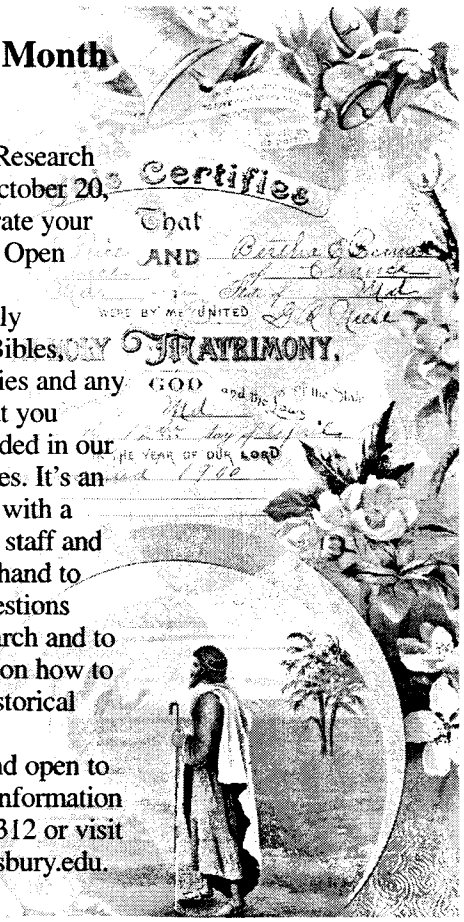
Welcome Aboard

The Nabb Research Center welcomes James Jensen and Mercedes Quesada-Embid to its staff as graduate research assistants. They signed on as members of the Nabb team in Fall 2003 and are very excited to be connected with such an integral aspect of the Delmarva community.

Hurricane Help

As Hurricane Isabel approached, the Nabb Research Center prepared. Jim Trader came in to do some research and was quickly put to work! Fortunately, everything fared well and no damage was done thanks to Jim and the dedicated Nabb Center staff.

Family History Month Open House



Please join the Nabb Research Center on Monday, October 20, noon-7 p.m., to celebrate your family at the Center's Open House.

Bring your old family photographs, family Bibles, postcards, letters, diaries and any other memorabilia that you would like to be included in our Online Digital Archives. It's an "antiques road show" with a scanner! Nabb Center staff and volunteers will be on hand to answer all of your questions about genealogy research and to give you the best tips on how to get the most out of historical documents.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information please call 410-543-6312 or visit http://nabbhistory.salisbury.edu.